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B. Preliminary Amendment

Further to the Continued Prosecution Application filed concurrently herewith, it is respectfully requested that the unentered amendments previously filed on January 21, 2003 under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application be entered into the instant Continued Prosecution Application.

In addition to entering the unentered amendments previously filed, please enter new claim (Claim 37) shown in the attached Appendix. Support for new Claim 37 is found at page 4, lines 22-25, of the specification. Authorization to charge Deposit Account no. 04-1512 a fee of \$18.00 for new Claim 37 is included in the Continued Prosecution Application Transmittal Sheet, enclosed herewith. If this estimate is incorrect, the Examiner is authorized to charge or credit the Deposit Account accordingly.

For the Examiner's convenience the Appendix attached hereto provides a complete set of claims in the new format required by the Patent Office. All of the unentered claim amendments previously submitted under 37 CFR 1.116 and new Claim 37 submitted in this paper are marked as "currently amended."

The undersigned looks forward to hearing from the Examiner regarding a time and date for the interview.

Respectfully submitted,



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